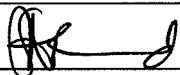


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 26, 2009**

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office action bearing the mailing date of January 26, 2009. A Request for Continued Examination and fees are filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary to continue prosecution in this matter or to credit any overpayments to deposit account no. 50-0320.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.